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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HABIB, PHILLIP), RO

SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

REF: BUCHAREST 5644

1. THIS FOLLOWS ON DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN UNDER SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR REGARDING POSSIBLE HABIB VISIT TO ROMANIA. IF THE ROMANIANS REMAIN INTERESTED IN SUCH A VISIT AND IF EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL, HABIB WOULD BE PREPARED TO STOP IN BUCHAREST FOLLOWING HIS STAY IN VIENNA. TENTATIVELY, HE COULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, IN THE LATE AFTERNOON AND TO DEPART SUNDAY MORNING.

2. RE REFTTEL, WHICH ADDRESSED POSSIBLE OCTOBER VISIT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR CHRISTOPHER TO COMMIT TO AN OCTOBER VISIT AT THIS TIME, AND SINCE TWO SEVENTH FLOOR VISITS IN SUCH A SHORT TIME SPAN WOULD BORDER ON OVERKILL, DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL DECLINE IN
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FAVOR OF HABIB VISIT IN SEPTEMBER.

3. PLEASE ADVISE, WITHOUT AT THIS POINT DISCUSSING WITH ROMANIANS, WHETHER IN EMBASSY'S VIEW VISIT IN ABOVE TIME FRAME COULD BE PRODUCTIVELY ARRANGED. IN THE EVENT

OF A POSITIVE REPLY, WE WILL TRY TO FIRM UP PLANS AT

EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE SO CONSULTATIONS CAN GO FORWARD
WITH ROMANIANS. CHRISTOPHER

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